

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. P043D2C1)

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In the Application of:

FARMWALD ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/196,200

Filed: NOVEMBER 20, 1998

Title: SYNCHRONOUS MEMORY DEVICE  
HAVING A PROGRAMMABLE REGISTER  
AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING SAME

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT & TRADEMARKS

CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.323

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Commissioner issue the attached Certificate of Correction to incorporate a reference in the above-referenced patent to all predecessor applications/patents. The above-referenced patent included a reference to the immediately preceding application/patent. The preceding application/patent itself includes a reference to the predecessor applications/patents. This Certificate corrects the above-referenced patent so that those predecessor applications/patents are explicitly referenced in the above-referenced patent.

In particular, the attached Certificate of Correction seeks to incorporate on page 1, line 8, reference to all predecessor applications/patents. Currently, the above-referenced patent states that it is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/798,520, filed

February 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,841,580. (See, Exhibit 1, Col. 1, lines 5-6). Application Serial No. 08/798,520 itself includes a reference to the other predecessor applications/patents. (See, Exhibit 2, Col. 1, lines 4-10) In this regard, Application Serial No. 08/798,520 states that it is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/448,657, filed May 24, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,638,334, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/222,646 filed March 31, 1994, now U.S. Patent 5,513,327, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/954,945, filed September 30, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,319,755, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 07/510,898 filed April 18, 1990, now abandoned.

This Certificate of Correction would correct the omission of a reference to each prior application in the first sentence of the specification -- namely that: Application Ser. No. 08/798,520, filed Feb. 10, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,841,580,

"is a divisional of Ser. No. 08/448,657, filed May 24, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,638,334, which is a divisional of Ser. No. 08/222,646 filed Mar. 31, 1994, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,513,327, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 07/954,945, filed Sept. 30, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,319,755, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 07/510,898 filed Apr. 18, 1990, now abandoned."

Omission of a reference to an earlier application on which priority is based is a mistake "of a minor character" which is correctable by a Certificate of Correction. *In re Lambrech*, 202 USPQ 620, 622 (Comm'r Pat. 1976) and 37 CFR § 1.323; See, also, *In re Van*

*Esdonk et al.*, 187 USPQ 671 (Comm'r Pat. 1975), *In re Schuurs*, 218 USPQ 443 (Comm'r Pat. 1983) and MPEP § 1484. It is clear from the written record of the above-referenced patent and the parent patents/applications that priority is appropriate. This mistake occurred in good faith.

The fee set forth in § 1.20(a) is enclosed.

In sum, it is respectfully requested that the attached Certificate of Correction issue. It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite consideration of this request in any way kindly contact Neil Steinberg at 650-944-7772.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil A. Steinberg', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large 'N' and a circular flourish at the end.

Date: October 11, 1999

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